People of Indian Origin Languishing in Jail in Kualalumpur

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY (Puducherry): Hon. Deputy Chairman, Sir, it is a very serious matter. Last Sunday the people of Indian origin; people who went from Tamil Nadu and settled hundreds of years ago there, and also some NRIs, who were there, agitated for equal rights. Especially, Sir, the Malaya and the Chinese are given protection by the Government by way of safety, employment generation; everything. But these people have been neglected. Therefore, they have been agitating. They have been *lathi* charged. Till today, more than 240 people are in jail, without any inquiry. They have not been released for no fault of theirs. Holding Gandhiji's portrait, they were agitating in a peaceful manner. They have not violated any norms, but they have been beaten black and blue by that Government. And, ultimately, they have been put behind bars. Therefore, Sir, the hon. Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, as Mr. Siva has said, written to the hon. Prime Minister to interevene in this matter for providing protection to those people. Now, I request the Government of India; the hon. Minister for External Affairs to kindly take it up at the diplomatic level and see that they are protected. ...(*Interruptions*)...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: You will be associated. ...(*Interruptions*)... You will all be associated....(*Interruptions*)...

SHRI B.S. GNANADESIKAN (Tamil Nadu): Sir, I associate myself with the issue raised by the hon. Member....(*Interruptions*)...

DR. PRABHA THAKUR (Rajasthan): Sir, I also associate myself with it. ...(*Interruptions*)...

DR. E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN (Tamil Nadu): Sir, there is a violation of human rights. ...(*Interruptions*)...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: No; nothing. ...(*Interruptions*)... You will be associated ...(*Interruptions*)... You will all be associated ...(*Interruptions*)... He has given notice. ...(*Interruptions*)...

DR. E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: But, we are not protecting them.-- ...(*Interruptions*)... The international obligation should be followed. ...(*Interruptions*)... That is my request ...(*Interruptions*)...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Okay, okay. ...(*Interruptions*)... Shri D. Raja.

Plight of people of Indian Origin in Malaysia

SHRI D. RAJA (Tamil Nadu): Thank you, Sir, with great mental agony, I raise this issue. Already, my hon. colleagues have raised the same issue. What happened in Malaysia, a few days ago, is very much distressing. Almost 8 per cent of the Malaysian population constitutes the Indian origin people and, mostly, they are all Tamils. They have gone over there and settled there. They have become citizens of Malaysia. But they do not enjoy the same, equal rights along with other citizens. They have been undermined; their human rights are being violated. They do not have democratic rights; in education and employment they are being discriminated. This has led to such a protest. The protest was very peaceful. As hon. Member pointed out, they were all holding Gandhiji's portrait and they were all demanding their right to live by having equal rights with other citizens. This is natural justice, and no Government or country can deny this natural justice or rights of the people. Malaysia is a developing country. India have very good relations with the Government of Malaysia. It is approporiate that our Government takes up this issue in an appropriate manner and sees to it that the human and democratic rights of the Indian origin people, particularly, the Tamils

are protected and safeguarded bacause it is not only our citizens issue. There is another issue also. The NRIs, who go there for jobs, are also being abused. I know of several cases. Thousands of people; who migrated for jobs, are all in prison. There are many issues and, I think, the External Affairs Ministry should take up this issue, and our mission must be advised to look into their issues and see how far they can help. Our Government should address this issue with a sense of urgency, Sir. In this regard, I must point out that the Tamil Nadu Chief Minister has written to the hon. Prime Minister. It should not be taken as a ritual letter coming from a Chief Minister. This issue needs urgent attention. The Government of India should not delay it further, and, I appeal, personally, to the Prime Minister and the External Affairs Minister to take up this issue. The situation of the suffering people of the Indian origin in Malaysia is very tragic. Their plight is very miserable. No human being can tolerate such suffering.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Please conclude now.

SHRI D. RAJA: Yes. Sir. That is why, on the floor of this august House. I appeal to our own Government that using the good relations with the Government of Malaysia they should take up this issue. You try to intervene, settle, and see that the people of Indian origin get justice and enjoy equal rights along with other citizens. Thank you, Sir. ...(*Interruptions*)...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Shri Malaisamy. ...(*Interruptions*)..

DR. K. MALAISAMY (Tamil Nadu): Sir, I will take one minute. ...(*Interruptions*)...Sir, you please allow me. ...(*Interruptions*)...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I am giving you time. ...(*Interruptions*)... I am giving it. ...(*Interruptions*)... You just associate. ...(*Interruptions*)...

DR. K. MALAISAMY: Sir, I will take one minute. ...(*Interruptions*)...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Yes; yes. Please take one minute only. ...(*Interruptions*)...

DR. K. MALAISAMY: Sir, this is to supplement Shri D. Raja. As far as this issue is concerned, I would like to bring to the notice of the House that the latest information is 64 Hindu temples were destroyed and demaged. The process of destruction is continuing. About 200-years-old temples are nowhere there. This is the situation. A large number of people were killed. Sir, what I am trying to say is that the situation is very, very serious. What I am trying to say again and again is that whatever action they are conceiving to take is not at all adequate. I am told that the High Commission is Malaysia is totally indifferent and refusing to take action. The last important point is this. Why I am so much interested is that the descendants of Malaysian Tamils are none other than the descendants of Marudu brothers, the great freedom fighters of South India. ...(*Interruptions*)...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Let us not go into. ...(*Interruptions*)... Dr. Malaisamy, let us come to the subject. ...(*Interruptions*)... Let us not go into the descendants and all. ...(*Interruptions*)...

DR. K. MALAISAMY: Kindly do something concrete. ...(*Interruptions*)...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: It is the sentiment of the entire House.

श्री मंगनी लाल मंडल (बिहार): सर, मैं एसोसिएट करता हूं। यह बहुत महत्वपूर्ण विषय है, इस पर सरकार की तरफ से कुछ जवाब आना चाहिए।

श्री उपसभापति: मैं वही बता रहा हूं कि यह पूरे हाऊस की सेंटीमेंट है, The Government will, definitely, take note of it....(*Interruptions*)... I have said. I am expressing on behalf of the entire House. ...(*Interruptions*)...

श्री मंगनी लाल मंडल: सर, संसदीय कार्य राज्य मंत्री यहां बैठे हैं। ...(**व्यवधान**)...

SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN (Kerala): Sir, what is the decision of the Government? Let us hear from the Government. ...(*Interruptions*)...

श्री मंगनी लाल मंडल: इस पर कुछ जवाब सरकार का आना चाहिए।

श्री उपसभापति: आप बैठिए, आप बैठिए। ...(*Interruptions*)...

It will be brought to the notice of the External Affairs Minister. ...(*Interruptions*)... The sentiments of the House may be brought to the notice of the Minister of External Affairs.

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY (Puducherry): Sir, let the External Affairs Minister come back to the House.

श्री शाहिद सिद्दिकी (उत्तर प्रदेश): सर।

श्री उपसभापति: आपका एसोसिएट हो गया।

कार्मिक, लोक शिकायत और पेंशन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री तथा संसदीय कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सुरेश पचौरी): माननीय उपसभापति महोदय, माननीय सदस्यों ने मलेशिया में हमारे भारतीयों के साथ जो व्यवहार हो रहा है और जिसका जिक्र किया कि इस ढंग से आपत्तिजनक व्यवहार उनके साथ हो रहा है, निश्चित रूप से यह गंभीर विषय है। मैं माननीय सदन की भावनाओं से माननीय विदेश मंत्री जी को अवगत करा दूंगा और साथ ही यह भी आग्रह करूंगा, जैसी कि माननीय सदस्यों ने अपेक्षा की है उसको दृष्टिगत रखते हुए वह इस दिशा में अपनी सरकार की ओर से समुचित कदम उठाएं।

श्री वीरेन्द्र भाटिया (उत्तर प्रदेश): और सदन को भी अवगत कराएं।

श्री उपसभापति: ठीक है, आप बैठिए।

Call off strike by doctors and faculty members in AIIMS

श्री राजनीति प्रसाद (बिहार): माननीय उपसभापति जी, पार्लियामेंट से अगर कोई कानून पास हो गया और किसी को उससे दुख या तकलीफ होती है, तो वे बहुत स्ट्रिन्जेंट एक्शन नहीं ले सकते हैं, मगर कल यहां । AIIMS के बारे में एक बिल पास हो गया और उसको लेकर कल ही, दुर्भाग्य की बात है कि वहां AIIMS में स्ट्राइक हुई और आज भी वहां स्ट्राइक है। उनका यह स्ट्राइक करना सही है या गलत है, यह तो विवाद का विषय है, लेकिन मैं यहां एक बात यह कहना चाहता हूं कि उन्होंने अपनी इस स्ट्राइक के साथ यह भी कहा है कि स्पेशली हम लोग सांसद का इलाज नहीं करेंगे। यह बहुत दुर्भाग्य की बात है, क्योंकि उनका वह कोई अपना घर नहीं है, या उनका अपना कोई निजी संस्थान नहीं है और जो सांसद होते हैं, वे भी इंसान होते हैं। उनका इस तरफ की बात कहना कि हम लोग सांसद का इलाज नहीं करेंगे, यह जो एक केप्शन में आया है, उचित नहीं है। इसीलिए मैं माननीय सदन का ध्यान आकृष्ट करना चाहता हूं कि यह दुर्भाग्य की बात है, उन्होंने जो इस तरफ की बात कही है। जो लोग इस तरह की बात करते हैं, हमारी राय है कि उन लोगों पर कार्रवाई होनी चाहिए, क्योंकि यह बात सही नहीं है, बहुत अशोभनीय बात है कि डाक्टर लोग, जो वहां गरीब, अमीर मरीजों का इलाज करते हैं, वे स्पेशली मेंशन करें कि हम लोग सांसद का इलाज नहीं करेंगे। उन लोगों का ऐसा कहना अनफोर्चुनेट है, दुर्भाग्यपूर्ण है।

SHRI MOTIUR RAHMAN (Bihar): Sir, I associate myself with it.

श्री नन्द किशोर यादव (उत्तर प्रदेश): सर, मैं भी एसोसिएट करता हूं।